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Via Federal Express

Michelle Lauterback
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1 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2023

RE: Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site
Notice of Potential Liability and Request for Information Directed to
International Paper Company (Allied Container)

Dear Ms. Lauterback:

International Paper hereby acknowledges Mr. James Owens's letter dated February 4, 2009 in which he provides notice to International Paper of its potential liability (and that of its corporate predecessor Allied Container) with respect to OU-2 at the Peterson/Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site. International Paper routinely performs or finances response activities at CERCLA sites to the extent warranted by the circumstances at the particular site, and International Paper looks forward to discussing with EPA resolution of its potential liability at this site, too. Please address any future correspondence regarding this matter to my attention in place of Camille Corbin, who is no longer with International Paper.

Please be aware that International Paper has been named as a defendant in the cost recovery litigation regarding this site styled *Unilever Bestfoods & KIK Custom Products v. Teknor Apex*, et al. (U.S. District Court for Rhode Island Case No. 01-496L). International Paper has reached an agreement in principle with the Plaintiffs in that case, and we anticipate that Thomas Jackson, Esq. or another representative of Plaintiffs in that matter will be contacting you regarding International Paper's desire to be added to the Third Amended Administrative Order on Consent as a Cash-Out Respondent.



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International Paper has previously responded to two previous EPA Information Requests regarding this site, one of which is acknowledged in the in the current Request for Information. Based on the timeframe addressed and the series of corporate transactions giving rise to International Paper's liability for Allied Container activities during this timeframe, I sincerely doubt that we will be able to provide any information that will add to our current understanding of International Paper's potential liability at the site. While it is certainly EPA's prerogative to pose a third request for information, in light of these previous RFIs and responses and International Paper's ongoing effort to address its potential liability at the site, International Paper requests that the current Request for Information be withdrawn. In the alternative, we request that EPA provide an indefinite extension for International Paper's response deadline.

I understand that you are currently out of your office, but I would appreciate it if you would call me when you return to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Elton L. Parker

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Cc: U.S. EPA Records Center c/o Peterson/Puritan Superfund Site 1 Congress Street Boston, MA 02114-2023

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